

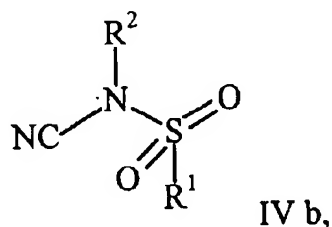
Amendments To The Claims

This Listing Of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

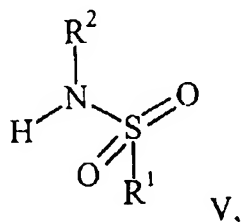
Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A process ~~Process~~ for the preparation of a N-cyano-N-alkylalkanesulphonamides N-cyano-N-alkyl-alkylalkanesulfonamide of the general formula:

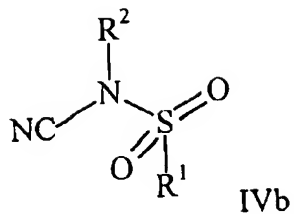


in which R¹ and R² are each a C₁₋₆-alkylgroup ~~characterized in that , comprising reacting a cyanogen halide is prepared using and~~ an N-alkyl-alkanesulphonamide N-alkyl-alkanesulfonamide of the general formula



in which R¹ and R² have the above-mentioned meanings, ~~are a C₁₋₆-alkyl group,~~ in the presence of a base.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A N-cyano-N-alkylalkanesulfonamide ~~N-Cyano-N-alkylalkanesulphonamides~~ of the general formula:



in which R¹ and R² are each a C₁₋₆-alkyl group.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): N-Cyano-N-methylmethanesulfonamide

~~N-Cyano-N-methylmethanesulphonamide.~~

Claims 21 to 23 (Cancelled).